

APPELLATE ISSUES IN CHILD PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS

March 14, 2007

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Michigan Hall of Justice Conference Center
Lansing**



**This training will also be available to view via an archived webcast through the
Michigan Judicial Institute's website at www.courts.michigan.gov/mji**

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***State Court Administrative Office,
Family Services Division-Child Welfare Services
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Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice***

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This training will familiarize the participants with appellate procedural issues and expand their knowledge and skills to more effectively handle appellate issues in child protective proceedings. Training sessions will include the “nuts and bolts” of child protective proceedings appeals, effective written advocacy, and best practices when appearing before the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court. Participants will hear Michigan experts discuss key topics, including: preserving the record in the lower court, how to creatively frame the issues in an appeal, how to anticipate and avoid potential appellate issues at the trial court level, when to utilize interlocutory appeals, effective appellate motion practice, dealing with Hatcher issues, and handling a termination of parental rights appeal. A panel of experts will answer participant questions and facilitate group discussion.

This training will be videotaped and archived on the Michigan Supreme Court’s Michigan Judicial Institute’s website at www.courts.michigan.gov/mji and will be available for viewing approximately two weeks after the training date.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience for this training is:

- Lawyer-Guardians ad Litem
- Parents’ Attorneys
- Prosecutors/Assistant Attorneys General

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION COST TO ATTEND THIS TRAINING. The cost of this training is generously funded through the Governor’s Task Force on Children’s Justice. All training materials, lunch, and afternoon breaks are provided. Incidental expenses, including mileage, phone calls, or other travel-related expenses, are the responsibility of each individual or his or her governmental unit. We will provide free parking vouchers to participants who park in the visitor parking section located in front of the Michigan Hall of Justice.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. A confirmation letter will be sent to you approximately two weeks before the training that will include an agenda, directions to the Hall of Justice, and additional details about the training.

**Fill out and return the completed Training
Registration form no later than February 22, 2007.**

**Send all registrations to Joy Thelen at: 925 W. Ottawa, PO Box 30048, Lansing, MI 48909
Fax: 517-373-8922**

If you have any questions, please call Joy Thelen at 517-373-5322, or e-mail her at thelenj@courts.mi.gov.

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REGISTRATION

(Please print or type legibly, as this information will be used for your name tag.)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency/Organization/Law Firm: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Length of Involvement with Child Protective Proceedings/Child Welfare Law: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____ Special Accommodations: _____

E-mail: _____ (Seminar confirmation will be sent by e-mail.)

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Return completed registration form by February 22, 2007 to:

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For further information, or if you require handicap access to facilities or special assistance at the program, please contact Joy Thelen at 517-373-5322 or email her at thelenj@courts.mi.gov.

Space is limited, so please return your registration as soon as possible to maximize your opportunity to attend. Your registration is a commitment to attend the entire training. If it is necessary to cancel after you have been confirmed to attend this training, please contact Ms. Thelen as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made to fill the vacancy. Registrations may be transferred to another individual with prior confirmation from SCAO-Family Services. **Onsite registration is not available.** Subject to space limitations, we will attempt to accommodate late registrants up to two weeks before the March 14, 2007, training date.